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OR91-520

Dear Mr. Raup:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 13833.

The Austin Independent School District (the district), which you represent, has received a request relating to ITBS scores. You advise us that much of the requested information does not exist in the form requested, but that you have offered to disclose the requested information "with names deleted and in a random, scrambled order so that the students cannot be identified." You further advise us that some of the requested information relates to the requestor's children and that you will disclose such information in a manner which does not permit the requestor to identify other students. You ask whether the district is required under the Open Records Act to compile new information or documents or to provide the information in the form requested.

Previous open records decisions issued by this office resolve your request. Open Records Decision No. 467 (1987) held that the Open Records Act does not require the preparation of information in a form requested by a member of the public. A governmental body is also not required to prepare information in a form or on a schedule dictated by the requesting party. Attorney General Opinion JM-672 (1987). Accordingly, you need not disclose the requested information in any manner other than in that in which it currently exists.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request,

we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-520.

Yours very truly,

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Opinion Committee

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